MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): That is a matter of opinion, Sir.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether there is any endemic area in the whole State other than Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad?

PRESIDENT: The whole question now centres on Nedumangad.

Malaria in Nedumangad Taluk.

287. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether malaria still continues in Nedumangad taluk?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes.

Vaikam District Hospital.

288. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a labour ward in the Vaikam District Hospital; and

(*b*) the number of labour cases treated in the Vaikam Hospital in 1109 and 1110?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*)

	1109		1110	
	In	Out	In	Out
Normal	7	134	9	67
Abnormal	8	5	11	5
Total	15	139	20	72

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to open a labour ward in that hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): That is a matter for future action, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the reason for the enormous fall in the number of normal labour cases in 1110, compared to 1109?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I cannot answer that question. It may be due to birth control.

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